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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Kouji MATSUO) Group Art Unit: 2814
Application No.: 10/660,559) Examiner: Weiss, Howard
Filed: September 12, 2003) Confirmation No.: 6404
For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND METHOD)
OF MANUFACTURING THE SAME)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In the Office Action mailed October 12, 2004, with a period for response extending through November 12, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between the following groups of claims:

Group I - Claims 1-11, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a semiconductor device; and

Group II - Claims 12-19, characterized by the Examiner as drawn to a process for making a semiconductor device.

Applicant provisionally elects to prosecute the group characterized by the Examiner as Group I, claims 1-11, without traverse.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 9, 2004

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